

The First 50 Women in Idaho Law

GLADYS E. DeCAMP DENNIS

January 30, 1939

(1906 – 1983)

Gladys E. DeCamp Dennis was born on August 21, 1906 in St. Anthony, Idaho to Charles H. and Ida Caroline (Rosenfield) DeCamp. She had an older brother, Merle. Dennis' father was a farmer and the family lived in St. Anthony until 1917, when they moved to Idaho Falls.

Dennis attended high school in Long Beach, California from 1920-21, in St. Anthony from 1921-22, and in Idaho Falls from 1922-24, when she graduated from Idaho Falls High School. A year later, on June 1, 1925, she married Obed Harrison Dennis in Idaho Falls, who was later admitted to practice law in Idaho on July 14, 1928. Together, the couple had at least one child.

Dennis worked as a bookkeeper at Mountain States Implement Company in Idaho Falls from September 1928 to December 1929. Beginning on January 1, 1931, Dennis went to work in her husband's law office and credit bureau, first, as a stenographer and later, studying for the law under her husband's supervision.

After eight years of working and studying in her husband's law office, on January 20, 1939, Dennis was admitted as the eleventh woman to practice law in Idaho. She practiced with her husband in the Idaho Falls firm of Dennis & Dennis until 1946.

Dennis died on January 3, 1983 in San Leandro, California.